

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A filter system for use in a reactor, the filter system comprising a filter to separate fluid from a mixture of particulate matter and fluid, and having a filter housing adapted to connect to the reactor and adapted to receive the filter, wherein the filter is retractable into the housing for repair or replacement,
and wherein the filter means is retractable through an aperture in the reactor,
and wherein the housing has at least one sealing device for sealing the aperture between the reactor and the housing, so that when the filter means is retracted within the housing past the aperture, the sealing device can be actuated to seal the aperture and isolate the housing from the reactor.
2. (Previously Presented) The filter system of claim 1, wherein the filter is retractable through an aperture in the reactor.
3. (Previously Presented) The filter system of claim 1, wherein the housing is detachably connected to the aperture.
4. (Previously Presented) The filter system of claim 1, wherein the filter has an export conduit to deliver filtrate from the filter.
5. (Previously Presented) The filter system of claim 4, wherein the filter is retracted into the housing by the export conduit.
6. (Previously Presented) The filter system of claim 1, wherein the housing has an outlet for removing the filter therefrom.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) The filter system of claim 1, wherein the filter has a cap adapted to prevent settling of fines on the filter.

Claims 9-11 (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A reactor comprising:

a shell; and

a filter system comprising a filter and a filter housing adapted to connect to the shell wherein the filter can be retracted from the shell into the housing through an aperture for repair or replacement,

and wherein the filter means is retractable through an aperture in the reactor,

and wherein the housing has at least one sealing device for sealing the aperture between the reactor and the housing, so that when the filter means is retracted within the housing past the aperture, the sealing device can be actuated to seal the aperture and isolate the housing from the reactor.

Claim 13 (Canceled).